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1. Japanese Patent Publication No. 2001-46326, published February 20, 2001 together with an English language abstract.
2. Japanese Patent Publication No. 2002-73615, published March 12, 2002, together with an English language abstract.

Applicant is submitting copies of the above-cited references. The relevance of the above-cited references has been described in the specification.

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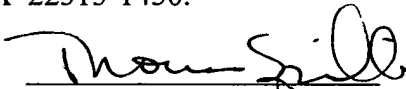
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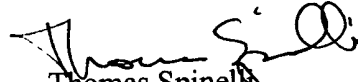
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**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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							YES	NO
		2001-46326	2/20/01	JAPAN			X	
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